

**INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2000
MAINE EMS CONFERENCE ROOM, AUGUSTA**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: S. Leach – Chair, S. Hayes, R. Doughty, C. Pillsbury

Staff: D. White, B. Montejo

Guest: Laura Yustak Smith, AAG

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:39 a.m.

A. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – Aurora First Responder Service

B. Accept Minutes of the September 6, 2000 Meeting

The minutes of the September 6, 2000, meeting were reviewed.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the September 6, 2000, meeting (Doughty; Pillsbury – motion carries).

2. Investigations

A. Barry Nickelsberg – Informal Conference

Assistant Attorney General Laura Yustak Smith was present for the purpose of discussing the Barry Nickelsberg investigation.

Motion: To enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the Barry Nickelsberg investigation with the Committee's legal counsel (Hayes; Doughty – motion carries).

The Committee entered executive session at 9:50 a.m. and exited executive session at 10:57 a.m.

Motion: To table further action regarding the Barry Nickelsberg investigation until such time as the Assistant Attorney General requests that the matter be scheduled before the Committee (Hayes; Doughty – motion carries).

B. John Sawicki

Assistant Attorney General Laura Yustak Smith was present for the purpose of discussing the John Sawicki investigation.

Motion: To enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the John Sawicki investigation with the Committee's legal counsel (Hayes; Doughty – motion carries).

The Committee entered executive session at 10:58 a.m. and exited executive session at 11:36 a.m.

Motion: To Recommend to the Board that the Attorney General file a complaint in the Administrative Court to revoke or suspend the EMS license and Instructor Coordinator certification of John Sawicki (Pillsbury; Doughty – motion carries).

C. Randy Harden

The Committee reviewed Mr. Harden's written response to Maine EMS' notice of investigation concerning alleged diversion and use of a drugbox medication.

The Committee directed staff to schedule an informal conference with Mr. Harden.

D. Jason Blake

The Committee was notified that Mr. Blake had voluntarily surrendered his EMS license and that he has requested an informal conference.

The Committee directed staff to schedule an informal conference with Mr. Blake.

E. Other – Aurora Volunteer Fire Department

Staff reported that written complaints had been made against the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department non transporting service. In reviewing the complaints staff determined that the service was not licensed at the time of the call in question and that the service's license had expired in October, 1999.

Motion: To initiate an investigation of the Aurora Fire Department and personnel (as applicable) regarding allegations of unlicensed practice (Doughty; Leach – motion carries).

3. Applications - none

4. Other - None

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on November 1, 2000.

6. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White, Licensing Agent